

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 73-95 and 106-129 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 48-20944 B1, JP 47-15976 B1, or JP 55-78438.

Claims 96-105 and 130-139 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 48-20944 B1, JP 47-15976 B1, or JP 55-78438.

Claims 1 and 6-72 are allowable.

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

Applicants have canceled rejected claims 73-139. Accordingly, only claims 1 and 6-72 remain currently pending for consideration.

All Remaining Claims are Now in Condition for Allowance

Claims 73-95 and 106-129 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 48-20944 B1, JP 47-15976 B1, or JP 55-78438. Claims 96-105 and 130-139 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 48-20944 B1, JP 47-15976 B1, or JP 55-78438. The Examiner is thanked for the indication that claims 1 and 6-72 are allowable. Accordingly, Applicants have canceled rejected claims 73-139. As a result, only allowable claims 1 and 6-72 remain currently pending for consideration. For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully request that a Notice of Allowance issue promptly in accordance with the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in the pending claims 1 and 6-72.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request reconsideration and timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative to expedite prosecution. A favorable action is awaited.

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0573. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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